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REWRITE OF CLAIMS FOLLOWS, including all preceding Claims:

I CLAIM

Claims 1 - 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (new) A portable artwork display means, comprising:
a lightbox means, and
an artwork containment frame means, and
an artwork display platen means

Claim 7 (withdrawn) The portable artwork display means of Claim 6 is attachable into a display device; wherein the display device is a picture frame or any other such display device; and attachment is temporary or permanent.

Claim 7 (new) The portable artwork display means of Claim 6 is attachable to an artwork displaying device.

Claim 8 (new) The lightbox means of Claim 6 is formed of a rigid heat-tolerant material configured and coated to diffuse reflected light inwardly.

Claim 9 (previously presented) The lightbox means of Claim 8 is strengthened and augmented by means of rigid reflective panel secured onto back of lightbox.

Claim 10 (previously presented) The lightbox means of Claim 9 is configured to prevent light exit from air vents.

Claim 11 (withdrawn) The lightbox means of Claim 10 is fitted with one or more adjustable light sources, comprising commercial light sources of any category or number or combination, and light sources opaquely coated full-length over one-half of circumference.

Claim 11 (new) The lightbox means of Claim 10 is fitted with one or more adjustable light sources, comprising commercially available light sources, and

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Custom made special light sources opaquely coated full-length over one-half of circumference.

Claim 12 (previously presented) The light sources of Claim 11 are timer-dimmable.

Claim 13 (new) A portable artwork display means, comprising a lightbox means, and an artwork containment frame means, and an artwork display platen means

Claim 14 (withdrawn) The artwork containment frame means of Claim 13 is formed of rigid machinable material, comprising one or more parts, and internal light reactive reflecting coating, and accommodation for one or more light-diffusing screens, and configured to receive platen means at viewer end.

Claim 14 (new) The artwork containment frame means of Claim 13 is formed of rigid machinable material, comprising one or more parts, and internal light reactive reflecting coating, and accommodation for commercially-available light-diffusing screens, and configured to receive display platen means at viewer end.

Claim 15 (new) A portable artwork display means, comprising a lightbox means, and an artwork containment frame means, and an artwork display platen means

Claim 16 (withdrawn) The artwork display platen means of Claim 15 is formed of planar or non-planar rigid material.

Claim 16 (new) The artwork display platen means of Claim 15 is formed of a rigid material.

Claim 17 (new) The artwork display platen means of Claim 16 is formed of transparently clear or translucent material.

Claim 18 (withdrawn) The artwork display platen means of Claim 17 is wholly or sectionally colored.

Claim 18 (new) The artwork display platen means of Claim 17 is colored.

Claim 19 (cancelled) The artwork display platen means of Claim 18 is formed of one or more similar or dissimilar parts.

Claim 19 (new) The artwork display platen means of Claim 18 displays artwork interchangeably secured at viewer side.

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Claim 20 (new) The artwork display platen means of Claim 19 contains embedded artful arrays of inert or electrically conductive filamentary elements.

Claim 21 (previously presented) The artwork display platen means of Claim 20 is formed of material reactive to light.

Claim 22 (previously presented) The artwork display platen means of Claim 21 is itself an artwork with artwork applied directly onto either surface.

Claim 23 (previously presented) The artwork display platen means of Claim 22 is pre-printed with patterns and images to be completed by artist.

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compartments 100. A flasher light socket 101 is mounted in the smaller compartment 100 for receiving a flashing bulb 102 to draw particular attention to that portion of the message forward of the smaller compartment 100.

It should be understood that the above described embodiments are simply illustrative of the principles of this invention and numerous other embodiments may be readily devised by those skilled in the art without deviating therefrom. Therefore, only the following claims are intended to define this invention.

What is claimed is:

1. An assembly of individually illuminated signs, each sign comprising:
 - an enclosure having a front opening;
 - artificial light generating means mounted within the enclosure for generating artificial light;
 - a display face affixed to the enclosure enclosing the front opening, said display face having a plurality of closely associated layers, including
 - a transparent front layer;
 - a thin intermediate layer consisting of developed photographic film negative having removed emulsions transparent areas and opaque emulsion areas defining the message;
 - a milk-white translucent plastic layer behind the intermediate layer reflecting daylight passing through the transparent areas in one direction as a milk-white color; a clear transparent back layer positioned behind the milk-white translucent layer; and
 - a colored translucent layer having a selected color other than the black or white interposed between the milk-white translucent layer and the clear transparent back layer overlying at least one of the transparent areas of the negative layer to transmit the artificial light through the transparent areas in the other direction with the light passing through the transparent areas in the other direction with the light passing through the overlaid transparent area having the selected color to provide a multicolor display when the artificial light is operated, and wherein two adjacent signs are interconnected together with a threaded bolt having two threaded ends in which one end extends through one enclosure and the other end extending through the other enclosure with nuts mounted on the bolts for securing the enclosures to the bolts at adjustable space intervals.

2. The illuminated sign display as defined in claim 1 wherein the translucent colored layer is made of a thin sheet of theater gelatin colored with a dye of the selected color.

3. A combination outside entrance light and illuminated house number display for inserting into a female electrical outlet light bulb socket of a dwelling adjacent an entrance, comprising:

- a translucent enclosure having a male light bulb type socket projecting outward therefrom for inserting into said dwelling female light bulb socket to mount the display adjacent said entrance;
- a display face mounted in the enclosure and projecting forward having a clear transparent front layer;
- a developed photographic film negative mounted immediately behind the front layer having transparent emulsion-removed number areas representing the house numbers surrounded by an opaque emulsion background;
- a translucent milk colored layer immediately behind the developed photographic film negative for reflecting sun light and transmitting artificial light;
- a female light bulb socket within the enclosure and electrically communicating with the male light bulb socket for receiving a light bulb for transmitting artificial light through the enclosure to illuminate the entrance and for transmitting artificial light through the transparent areas of the film negative to illuminate the house number.

4. The combination entrance light and house number display as defined in claim 3 wherein the developed photographic film negative is photomechanical lithograph film negative having an emulsion supported on a transparent plastic base.

5. The combination entrance light and house display assembly as defined in claim 3 wherein the clear transparent front layer is made of a sheet of cast polymethyl methacrylate that absorbs ultraviolet radiation below 345 millimicrons to prevent the film from aging due to ultraviolet radiation.

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Reference: Your Page 5, Pgh. 13. *If these 7 Claims are only ones allowed of original 19, my invention is stripped of most of its provisions. Per your Pgh. 13, lines 3 and 4, if I "include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims", then I believe I should substitute for these 7 Claims the other two pages of Claims 6 - 24.*

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